

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A data structure comprising:
a combined thread control block/message structure, said combined thread control block/message structure comprising:
a thread control block structure, wherein said thread control block is described by a first data structure; said thread control block structure and including a message structure embodied therein, wherein said message is described by a second data structure and said first data structure comprises said second data structure
said thread control block structure configured to store information used to control execution of a thread, said message structure configured to store a message.
2. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 2, without prejudice.
3. (Cancelled) Please Cancel Claim 2, without prejudice.
4. (Presently Amended) The data structure of claim 1, wherein said thread control block structure first data structure further comprises:
a process control block pointer, wherein said process control block pointer points to a process control block;
processor information; and
stack information.

5. (Original) The data structure of claim 4, wherein said process control block comprises:

memory information;
thread information;
device driver information; and
stack information.

6. (Original) The data structure of claim 4, wherein said processor information comprises:

a processor identifier; and
thread information.

7. (Presently Amended) The data structure of claim 1, wherein said message second data structure further comprises:
control information.

8. (Presently Amended) The data structure of claim 7, wherein said message second data structure further comprises:
data.